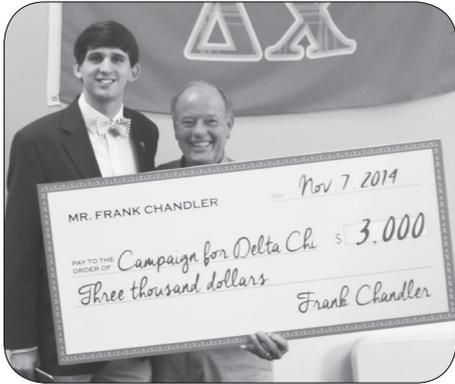




Kimball's Corner

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Frank Chandler '15 fulfills his pledge by presenting a check to Capital Campaign National Co-Chair Tom Stovall '67.

Frank Chandler '15 Fulfills Campaign Pledge and Challenges Past "A's"

Frank Chandler '15 is a senior at Mississippi State University and was the colony "A" in 2012-13. In April 2013, when he realized that only 19 of the 55 living former "A's" had contributed to the *Campaign for Delta Chi*, Frank made a \$3,000 pledge and challenged his predecessors to do the same. Frank's story is amazing considering he has not yet graduated and saved up his money over the past few years while being a full time student at MSU.

Frank fulfilled his pledge on November 8, 2014, when he presented a check to Capital Campaign National Co-Chair **Tom Stovall '67**. Frank's challenge is still open and past "A's" are encouraged to match his gift of \$3,000 by making a pledge or one-time donation at www.msudxalumni.com. If you have any questions, please contact MSU Delta Chi Building Corporation Treasurer **Robert Hubbard '88** at 901-292-6989 or send an email to msudxalumni@yahoo.com.

MSU Delta Chi Raises Over \$2,000 for V Foundation

The Mississippi State Chapter of Delta Chi hosted the 1st Annual Dr. Kirk P. Arnett Memorial Golf Tournament on April 26, 2014. The tournament was founded in memory of Brother **Kirk Arnett '68**, who passed away on December 19, 2013, after a long and hard fought battle with cancer.

Brother Arnett made great contributions to Delta Chi over the years. As president of the MSU Delta Chi Building Corporation (DXBC) and faculty advisor, he was very involved with the colonization process in the mid-80s and helped Delta Chi rent and then purchase the North Jackson property. In recent years, Brother Arnett made generous contributions, as both a donor and a volunteer, to the annual and capital fundraising efforts.

The tournament was played at the Elm Lake Golf Course in Columbus, Mississippi, with 30 participants and 16 sponsors. The Mississippi State Chapter successfully raised \$2,362 in remembrance of Dr. Arnett for the V Foundation for Cancer Research, the preferred charity of Delta Chi

International Fraternity since 2006. A special thank you to **Dr. Allen Butler '95** for the title sponsorship provided by Mississippi Bone and Joint Clinic and to **Joe Lawhorn '05** and **Frank Chandler '15** for their leadership in organizing the tournament.

Brother Arnett's son, Will Arnett, commented on the event, "It's an absolute honor to have the MSU Delta Chi Chapter honor my dad and the Arnett family in their efforts to raise money and awareness for such a terrible disease. Dad loved his fraternity brothers as well as the MSU family. He fought an awesome battle and it is our prayer that we all remember to never give up! Thanks to all involved for your efforts. Together we can defeat this disease."

The motto of the V Foundation is "Don't Give Up...Don't Ever Give Up!" as quoted by Coach Jim Valvano who died of cancer in 1993 at the age of 47. The foundation carries on Jimmy V's fight against cancer by funding cancer research.

Delta Chi chapters have raised

almost \$600,000 for the foundation. For more on Delta Chi's affiliation with the V Foundation, go to www.deltachi.org/jimmyv. While there you can follow a link to the V Foundation website and make a tax-deductible donation on behalf of the Mississippi State Chapter of Delta Chi.



You Can Recruit!

Delta Chi wants a strong chapter on campus full of great young men to represent the fraternity well. If you know a young man who will attend Mississippi State in Spring or Fall 2015 and you think he will make a GREAT Delta Chi, please send his name and contact information to ABT Rush Advisor **Ray Carroll '87** at carroll_ray@hotmail.com or (901) 651-6167.

2014 CHAPTER OFFICERS

"A"

John Alan Yerger '16

"B"

Joe Harvey '16

"C"

Ethan Cartwright '17

"D"

Gammon Long '17

"E"

Shannon Manson '17

"F"

Austin Heath '17

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Chapter Updates

Thanks to a successful fall rush, the Mississippi State Chapter produced 11 pledges last fall and initiated eight of them on November 22, 2014. There are now 30 active members in the chapter.

Delta Chi was well represented during intramurals and filled out two football teams. One of the teams finished undefeated until losing in the semi-finals.

Brothers **Joe Harvey '16**, **Tyler Arinder** and **Hayden Camp** attended the 2014 Delta Chi International Convention in Phoenix, AZ, last August thanks to the financial support

of the MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association.

Hayden Camp commented on his experience, "It was fun to meet brothers from all over the country and to see what Delta Chi was outside of Mississippi State."

Joe Harvey said, "It was an honor being able to represent my chapter at this year's international convention. After attending convention and speaking with guys from other chapters, I came away with many new ideas to apply to our chapter."

The chapter recently developed a very ambitious Rush

Plan for 2015 thanks to the guidance of Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) Rush Advisors, **Ray Carroll '87** and **Charlie Foretich '86**. The recent Rush Workshop was the first step and included a nationally known Rush consultant, Rod Arnold, thanks to the financial support of the MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association. The chapter contact is Alumni Relations Secretary, **Shannon Manson '17**. He can be reached at stm208@msstate.edu or 605-651-2241.

2014 New Initiates:

Tony DeStefano
Long Beach, MS

Malik Pickett
Katie, TX

Austin Heath
Petal, MS

Alex Schweppe
Cincinnati, OH

Steven Lightle
Loxley, AL

Zak Segar
St. Louis, MO

Matt McCall
Loxley, AL

George Sims
Cincinnati, OH



(L to R): Alumni Advisor and DX Building Corporation Secretary **Ben Bachman '04** presents Mickey Putman Scholarships to **Thomas Burnham '15** and **Zach Anderson '15**.

Mickey Putman Scholarship Continues to Support Active Members

The Mickey Putman Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Mickey **Putman '64** who passed away in 2006. Brother Putman was the first "A" of the 1963 colony and was elected Student Association President and Mr. MSU.

Scholarships are awarded to Delta Chi actives who exhibit similar qualities to Brother Putman. **Thomas Burnham '15** and **Zach Anderson '15** were the 2014 scholarship winners and received \$300 and \$200, respectively.

Brother Burnham is majoring in Economics and German and has

a GPA of 3.93. He has been active in numerous campus organizations while serving Delta Chi as "B," Recruitment Chair, Associate Member Chair, Scholarship Chair and Brotherhood Chair. His future plans include law school and post graduate work in economics.

Brother Anderson is majoring in Political Science and has a GPA of 4.0. He is enrolled in the Shackouls Honors College and served as the President of the Pre-Law Society. Delta Chi leadership includes serving as "B" and Leadership Chair. His future plans include law school.

Alumni are encouraged to donate to the Mississippi State Chapter Scholarship Account (CSA) at the Delta Chi Educational Foundation in support of the Mickey Putman Scholarship Fund. Online tax deductible donations can be made at www.dcef.com. Please designate your gift for Mississippi State CSA.

In 2014, the fund grew significantly to over \$18,000 thanks to Augusta Cash requesting that donations be made to the fund in lieu of flowers being sent for the death of her husband, **Ralph Cash '66**.



The view looking west across backyard.



The backyard now has the privacy required for band parties.

House Projects Update Landscaping and Bathroom Renovation Complete

Thanks to contributions to the Campaign for Delta Chi, the chapter house has an attractive and functional backyard. The landscaping project was completed in April 2014, just in time for Super Bulldog Weekend. The total project cost was \$56,000, which included architect fees. The chapter can now have outdoor band parties thanks to the new privacy fence.

The Delta Chi Building Corporation (DXBC) hired a landscape architect to create a comprehensive plan for the whole property and presented it to

Mississippi State University for approval. The plan included a fence, leveling, an outdoor multi-purpose pavilion, an entertainment terrace and a basketball court.

DJ Miller '15 commented, "This fence is the icing on the cake to the backyard." **Tony Destafano '18** said, "The backyard was one of the main reasons I decided to become an associate member."

A special thank you to **Travis Swenson '94**, a landscape architect, who acted as the liaison between the DXBC and the landscape architect

hired to prepare the plan. Also, **Chris Smith '96** generously donated his professional services for the property survey.

The bathroom renovation was another huge project completed in 2014. Leaking showers caused floor and ceiling damage and the upstairs bathroom was inoperable for most of the 2013 - 2014 school year. Contractors were hired to complete the repair work and the total cost of the job was \$12,000. Both bathrooms are now fully functional and the house is more attractive to potential new members. *continued on page 3*

Update: Campaign for Delta Chi

A portion of funds to honor Hansen family

Campaign for Delta Chi

Goal	\$500,000
Pledged	\$603,760
Billed	\$398,619.31
Collected	\$355,931.45

reduction will occur as pledges are fulfilled, which will minimize the cost of debt service when the bank note is refinanced in August of 2016.

Delta Chi Building Corporation Treasurer **Robert Hubbard '88** commented, "We are very fortunate to have such dedicated alumni who have given so generously to this project. When our loyal donors completely fulfill their pledges over the next few years, Delta Chi will be set for long-term success at Mississippi State!"

As mentioned in the last edition of Kimball's Corner, **Eugene Hansen (Illinois Chapter '50)** was one of the founding members of Delta Chi at Mississippi State University. Hansen and his family contributed their time and talent in support of the chapter.

The charter members of 1964 chose to honor the Hansen legacy and donate funds to the *Campaign for Delta Chi* for the purpose of naming the house director suite after the Hansen family. So far, \$11,200 has been pledged and another \$8,800 is needed to name the suite. The goal is to secure the remaining pledges from charter members.

To contribute to this cause, please donate online at www.msudxalumni.com or contact **David Hunt '64** at (662) 902-7195 or drb@drbhuntlaw.net or **B.J. Johnson '64** at (314) 308-0485 or bjjohnsoncpa@sbcglobal.net.

2014 Membership Campaign Raises Close to \$9,000

Thanks to contributions from the 38 brothers listed below, the *2014 Alumni Association Membership Campaign* raised \$8,723. Contributions helped two active members attend Convention, supplied food and beverages for rush and funded the Leftfield Lounge trailer.

Alumni are encouraged to support the annual membership campaigns. To make your pledge, visit

www.msudxalumni.com and click "Support the Campaign." Pledges can be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or as a one-time gift.

DONOR LIST
\$8,723 pledged as of February 5, 2015

ORDER OF THE KNIGHT
\$1,000 - \$10,000
Johnny S. Sandhu '94

BATTLE AXE SOCIETY
\$500 - \$999
John M. Hairston '87
James Owens '63
William Chris Strohm '85

LEGES SOCIETY
\$250 - \$499
Joseph Raymond Carroll, Jr. '87
Scott B. Gee '98
Kevin L. Harvey '89
John Allen Landrum '66
Alexander P. Wheelock '00

CORNERSTONE CLUB
\$175 - \$249
David S. Carpenter '92
Kreg K. Corpstein '91
Gary W. Fordham '76
Gregory G. Shelton, CPA '85

SUPPORTER
\$100 - \$174
Bo Asmar '73
Donald G. Buffum '79
Phillip J. Carroll '00
Roger C. Clapp, Jr. '89
Jason Heath Eckert '94
Charles J. Foretich, II '86

William Douglas Fortner, II '73
David E. Hill '72
Bobby Joe Johnson '64
Donald Lawhorn
Joseph C. Lawhorn '05
Jamie Lloyd Mahne '96
Skip Manuel '98
Nicholas A. Sherman '06
Christopher R. Smith, Jr. '98
Douglas T. Wert '89

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Robert K. Hubbard, III '88
Kenneth M. Parker '91
Thomas M. Stovall '67
Brian H. Sullivan '94
Lonnie M. Williams '96
Zane Wofford '07

Thanks to the 130 generous brothers who pledged over \$600,000 to the *Campaign for Delta Chi*, the Mississippi State Chapter is now able to accommodate their growing membership and transition to a new house.

Contributions were used to purchase furniture, install a fire safety system and HVAC system, and complete major bathroom renovations and landscaping to the backyard. In addition, the bank note was reduced by \$50,000 with an extra principal payment. Further debt

construction projects, to provide input on scope definition and to help manage the contractor on major projects such as the bathroom renovations," stated DXBC President **Phil Carroll '00**.

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House Projects Update

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The DXBC thanks **Kyle Tillman '04** and **Bo Asmar '73** for the guidance they provided on the project. "It's great to have alumni like Brothers Tillman and Asmar, who have experience with



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Donate Your Delta Chi Memorabilia

The Delta Chi Alumni Association (DXAA) is sponsoring an initiative to decorate the Delta Chi House with Delta Chi memorabilia and repair old composites. Alumni are encouraged to donate unique items which are suitable for framing and display in the house. Founding Father, **David Hunt '64**, agreed to donate his initiation certificate from the Alabama Chapter and the first charter ceremony program.

You can mail your items to **Phil Parrish '89** at 4792 Military

Road, Columbus, MS 39705 or make arrangements to drop them off at the Delta Chi House. To drop off, contact the new "E" (Alumni Relations Secretary) **Shannon Manson '17** at (605) 651-2241 or stm208@msstate.edu.

Please include your name, year, contact information and a short description of any donated items when mailing or send this information to Phil Parrish at liquidheet@yahoo.com or call (787) 404-0957 before dropping items off at the house.

Save the Date!

Super Bulldog Weekend - April 17-19

Alumni Open House, the Leftfield Lounge and Football!

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Cash '66
January 26, 1943 - June 23, 2014

Patrick Chausse '09
June 20, 1986 - April 2, 2014

James Swords '89
April 14, 1967 - February 3, 2014

Visit Our Updated Website!

Scan the QR code to visit Delta Chi Mississippi State's recently updated website at www.msudxalumni.com to:

- Learn more about recent news, register for upcoming events and view event photos
- Search for alumni
- Review the status of ongoing fundraising efforts and make your contribution
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